

MET DEATH BRAVELY.

The Execution Scaffold Had No Horrors for George W. Clark.

A CRY OF INNOCENCE TO THE LAST.

The First of Drovers McCausland's Murderers Suffers the Penalties of Law.

SCENES AND INCIDENTS OF THE DAY.

The Doomed Man's Wife Compelled to Walk 14 Miles to His Grim Gable.

Many people believe an innocent man was hanged at Waynesburg, Green county, yesterday. Fully as many others place the dying man's claim of innocence alongside of scores of others where the evidence was strongly against the truth of their claims.

(FROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.)

WAYNESBURG, Pa., February 26.—"I believe that the man who was hanged here today was innocent," said Rev. J. W. Maxwell two hours after the execution of George W. Clark for the murder of W. M. McCausland, of Allegheny City. Rev. Mr. Maxwell is the young Baptist theologian who has acted as Clark's spiritual adviser for two years and who stood beside him on the scaffold this morning.

"Since Clark's imprisonment," continued the clergyman, "I have been on terms of close intimacy with him. His whole bearing has always been consistently in harmony with his claim of innocence. Several months ago I went to Philadelphia to attend college. While there I received upwards of 30 letters from the condemned man. In that number of letters a guilty person, and especially



Clark, who died on the gallows yesterday, one as illiterate as Clark was, would have let drop some word or phrase betraying his guilt. But I submitted his letters to some of the greatest experts in criminal matters in the East. One and all agreed they were the best-written letters of an innocent man.

A PROFESSOR CHRISTIAN. "As far as it is possible to judge, I should think Mr. Clark died a Christian," continued Mr. Maxwell. "He always seemed pleased to have me call on him. I long since pointed out to him the way to salvation both as a guilty man or an innocent person suffering from the falsity of others. He accepted the latter, and fully and freely forgiving those who had sworn away his life, he talked to me last night of his future in the Christian's heaven with perfect freedom and assurance. He professed Christianity to his last moments, and in looking over his Bible since his execution I am convinced by his penitential prayers that he found the saving grace. I was with him last night until midnight and he prayed with me frequently.

This morning I talked with him in his cell a long time. His last request was for me to go to Mesontown to bury him. He also requested me to give his Bible to his widow, to be kept by her for the children."

HIS LAST NIGHT.

Clark's last night on earth was very restless. At a late hour he dropped into sleep which was very much broken. He would doze from half to three-quarters of an hour, then awake. Thus he passed the night. While asleep he would mutter and sigh. He got up at about 6 o'clock this morning and ate half an orange, after which he was visited by Rev. Mr. Maxwell and the Sheriff. He afterward drank a milk shake and ate a banana. He was better physically than he has been for several days.

At 10:30 this morning the prisoner was led out of his cell. In the corridor his arms were pinioned behind him and leather straps placed on his legs for adjustment later when the scaffold was reached. The mournful procession then started on its solemn journey to the scaffold. It consisted of Drs. Ullom and Burroughs, who were chosen as physicians; Rev. J. W. Maxwell and Deputy Sheriff Goodwin, who held the prisoner by the arms. They stopped at the platform at 11:04. The Sheriff and the minister taking seats by the prisoner, and the doctors at the left.

HE DIED CLAIMING INNOCENCE.

George W. Clark, with a slight tremor in his speech, rose to his feet and said: "I have nothing to say, but I am innocent of this crime, and I suffer for another. I hold no grudge against anyone, and hope God will forgive me and all." From this time on Clark was as calm as a lion. Less than 50 spectators were crowded in the small inclosure between the walls where the scaffold had been erected. Some of these were in a wild rage, saturated with spite, and some were in tears. The Sheriff and the minister taking seats by the prisoner, and the doctors at the left.

HE ENORMOUS WEIGHT.

The doomed man weighed 220 pounds. A rope of extraordinary strength was made for the occasion by Jacob Bupp, of Allegheny. It was a half-inch heavy rope, saturated with beeswax; was 25 feet long, and cost the county \$1 per foot. The noose was tied by the manufacturer, and drew so tightly on the experimental man, that he was being tested as to cause some trouble in getting it unstuffed. It was tested on a sand bag of 250 pounds weight. This makes the 21st hangman's rope made by this man.

Clark's great weight saved him all suffering, for as he fell with the trap his neck was broken, and only one slight shudder passed over his body. The trap fell at 11:30, and he was pronounced dead 12 minutes after by the doctors, one of whom felt his pulse, while the other kept his ear over the heart of the last dying man. At seven minutes after the trap fell there was still good pulse, at eight minutes it was fluttering with the heart beating slowly, at ten minutes the pulse ceased to beat, and exactly at 11:32 the heart ceased to beat, and the doctors pronounced life extinct.

AN OVERLAND FUNERAL.

Rowman's, and the funeral will take place the 27th. The drive to Mesontown is 20 miles. Rev. Maxwell will follow in today's stage. Two thousand farmers thronged Waynesburg streets during the day. They came by horse, rig and railroad. About the maddest crowd was that which arrived on the narrow gauge train due at 3 1/2 A. M. It was behind time and got in just 40 minutes after the execution took place. There was no violence around the Court House and the Deputy Sheriff's avers that for the occasion and armed with broomsicks, kept the crowd well in check.

SHE WALKED 14 MILES.

There is considerable indignation in the town about the way the executed man's wife was treated. She had been telegraphed for repeatedly, but could not get on account of a very sick child. Finally she consented, and started Monday from near Carmichaels, where she had gone Sunday from Mesontown, walking all the way to Waynesburg, a distance of 14 miles. She applied for passage in the back of the way, in which were two men, a lady and the driver. She was declined because of lack of room. It is a burning shame that the woman was left to plod her way through the mud to see her husband. She was taken to the Sheriff's house, where an entire change of clothing was given her, then taken to her husband. The meeting was affecting. When she returned Tuesday the county paid her way across the country on the stage.

Zach Taylor is the next man to suffer for the McCausland murder. He will be hanged on April 8. He was terribly broken up today when he took leave of his pard. He heard the drop fall and has not eaten anything since.

HOW WE ARE GROWING.

The Building Inspectors' Report Shows a Very Satisfactory Increase—Six and Three-Quarter Millions Paid in Building Last Year—Over 3,000 Buildings Erected.

The Building Inspectors yesterday presented their annual report to Chief Brown, of the Department of Public Safety, showing 3,265 buildings to have been erected in Pittsburgh during the past year, of which 1,212 were of brick, 1,977 frame, 49 iron-clad, 23 stone and 4 of iron, at a total valuation of \$6,845,622.

During the year the amount received for permits was \$13,508 95. The increase in the number of buildings over 1888 was 501, and in the amount received for permits \$1,887 92. In the estimated cost of buildings the increase was \$1,504,429.

In the classification of buildings dwellings lead, there being 2,267 of them; there were 127 stores, 123 stores, 113 shops, 31 offices, 20 warehouses, 14 churches, 11 factories, 9 foundries, 3 mills, 5 schoolhouses and 6 banks.

During the year 73 condemnation notices were issued for buildings which were either taken down or repaired. The inspectors give a detailed account of the work done in hunting out defective work and also of the trouble they have met in breaking up the old-time practice of contractors waiting until a building is about completed and then applying for a permit, instead of putting in the application before work begins.

The latter is now becoming customary. The subjects of doors opening outward and party walls are also considered.

J. L. Brennan, Secretary of the Board on Wooden Buildings, also presented his report to Chief Brown. There were 348 applications presented for permission to erect within the fire limits iron or iron-clad buildings during the year. Of these 254 were approved, 84 rejected and 10 not acted upon or withdrawn. Fifty-four permits were issued in 1888. Of the 254 granted but were not dwellings, although frame additions were made to 26 and frame kitchens built to 70.

CONTRIBUTIONS WILL COME IN FOR THE SOUTHDALE HOSPITAL.

The collections made for the Southdale Hospital yesterday were as follows: J. Poger and employes, hardware, \$25 30; Glasgow, South, \$25 30; South street, \$25 30; St. Peter's R. C. Church, South Twenty-third street, \$25 30; J. F. Todd and employes, painters, \$10 00; St. Malphas and employes, painters, \$7 00; Thomas Taylor and employes, Blacksmiths, \$7 00; Smith, Glover and employes, Blacksmiths, \$7 00.

Total, \$174 10. The amount previously reported was \$1,006 61, making a total of \$1,181 21.

WHY HAVE A SPECIAL TRAIN.

The 35 or 40 members of the next United States jury from this vicinity which convenes at Scranton on Monday next will go in a special car and will leave on Saturday morning, March 1.

MARRIAGE LICENSES GRANTED YESTERDAY.

Pittsburgh Residents: William Davis, Allegheny; Alice Jones, Allegheny; John A. Russell, Burgettstown; Frederick Rohrbach, Allegheny; William W. McDonald, Ross township; Harry E. Gibson, Ross township; Herman Lohrstein, Allegheny; Carl Harz, Allegheny; Gustav Kraiss, Allegheny; Louis Kraiss, Allegheny; John Schwab, Allegheny; Thomas Davis, Allegheny; Sallie Lewis, Allegheny; Ketta McClough, Brookville.

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BLOOKER'S DUTCH COCOA. CHOICEST PUREST BEST. TRY IT.

MARRIED.

SEIDUP-KERN—At Youngstown, O., on Wednesday, February 26, 1890, by Rev. Dr. Craft, L. C. of John Shepp, of Allegheny, and MARY C., daughter of Dr. W. H. Kern, of McKeesport.

DIED.

CONNOLLY—On Tuesday, February 26, 1890, at 9:30 P. M. PATRICK CONNOLLY, in the 24th year of his age.

FENKER—On Wednesday, February 26, 1890, at 10 A. M., MARY, wife of Henry Fenker, aged 29 years and 5 months.

HAMILTON—On Monday, February 24, 1890, at 1:30 P. M., JANE ANN, wife of James R. Hamilton, aged 59 years of her age.

FREED—On Wednesday, February 26, 1890, at 10:30 P. M., MARY M. FREED, aged 64 years 3 months and 14 days.

KIRBY—Suddenly, at Mercy Hospital, on Wednesday, February 26, 1890, at 8:45 P. M., J. ALBERT KIRBY, in the 54th year of his age.

MORGAN—At Homestead, on Wednesday, February 26, at 10 A. M., WM. L. MORGAN, formerly of the Southside, aged 70 years.

NINEHAUSER—On Wednesday, February 26, 1890, at 1:30 P. M., Mrs. MARY, wife of Adam Ninehauser and daughter of John Spohn, of Butler, Pa., aged 49 years.

OPPENHEIMER—On Wednesday, February 26, at 2 P. M., ISAAC OPPENHEIMER, father of M. Oppenheimer, aged 59 years.

O'MALLEY—On Tuesday, February 26, 1890, at 10:30 P. M., MARY O'MALLEY, aged 7 months and 20 days.

PADDER—On Tuesday, February 26, 1890, at 10:30 P. M., WILLIAM J., only son of J. P. and Charlotte Padder, aged 18 years and 5 months.

TOWER—At Dallas, Texas, February 24, 1890, Mrs. A. J. TOWER, wife of Robert Day, aged 41 years.

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Are you a housekeeper? Do you expect to refurnish a parlor, dining room or bedroom now, this Spring, or any time this year?

Do you contemplate fixing up your bedrooms to increase your patronage, or a Summer resort for Summer guests?

Assent to any of these questions, and your best interests will not excuse a failure to carefully note the following partial list of bargains in Furniture, among which there must certainly be some article you want:

100 BEDROOM SUITES, (Prices are for three pieces.) Mahogany Finish:

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